

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECORDER: Cheryl Holden

DATE: September 25, 2002

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT POINTS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair; Jim Bellotti, CDE; Sylvia Carlisle, M.D., George Chance, DSS; Arleen Downing, M.D., Toni Gonzales; Hedy Hansen; Gretchen Hester; Joy Higa, DMHC; Rick Ingraham, DDS; Cynthia Jaynes, DADP; Thomas McCool; Hallie Morrow, M.D., DHS; Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D., Theresa Rossini; Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D.

Introductions & Announcements

Dr. Peterson welcomed the newly appointed ICC members to the meeting and invited all present to attend a welcome reception, hosted by Dr. Peterson, following the committee meetings. ICC members introduced themselves and provided the audience with information about their background and interest in early intervention. Members of the audience provided self-introductions. Dr. Peterson discussed the Newcomer's Orientation Meeting and acknowledged the Public Awareness Committee for their efforts to welcome and encourage parents and professionals to participate in the ICC. It was noted that of the 16 people in attendance at the Orientation Meeting twelve people were participating in an ICC meeting for the first time.

Child Care – "Transfer of Knowledge Symposium" Planning Committee Report

George Chance, Co-Chair of the FSSC, introduced symposium planning team members Sharon Rea Zone and Kay Ryan and thanked them for taking a leadership role in planning the Transfer of Knowledge Symposium (TOK). Mr. Chance expressed that the planning committee exemplifies the collaboration of many agencies serving young children and their families. He thanked the ICC and DDS for providing input to the planning committee and providing travel support to ICC members and community representatives participating on the planning committee.

Kay Ryan shared that the TOK Symposium would be held on November 15, 2002, at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. The symposium is designed around four activities including a dramatic presentation to describe the current status of the child care and early intervention systems; sharing promising practices; a working lunch and networking opportunity; and developing action plans to guide activities in participant's own communities. A facilitator has been selected to guide participants through these activities.

Symposium participants will be asked to attend as members of an interdisciplinary leadership team. Each leadership team may range in size from 5 to 9 members.

Recommended membership includes parents, local child care planning council coordinators, early intervention service coordinators, child care resource and referral agencies, regional center managers, local education agency administrators, family resource centers, CalWORKs child care coordinators, Head start, County California Children and Families Commission directors, service providers and advocates for children with disabilities. Each team should include administrators with the authority to make policy decisions.

Mr. Chance thanked the symposium planning team for their efforts and acknowledged the cross disciplinary approach being utilized to increase access to quality child care. He encouraged those in attendance to consider ways to sponsor, support or participate in this effort.

Early Start Monitoring

Rick Ingraham explained that in the fall of 2000, XenologiX, Inc. was commissioned by DDS to conduct a statewide family satisfaction survey. The purpose of the survey was to collect and analyze information obtained from families on how they perceived the system is performing, as a whole, and to provide information to DDS on technical assistance needs. Mr. Ingraham stated that the family satisfaction survey is only a part of the Early Start program evaluation process. He introduced Ken Freedlander, Chief, DDS Early Start Local Support Section, to provide additional information about program evaluation.

Mr. Freedlander presented an overview of eight monitoring processes used by DDS to review local implementation activities (see attached summary). In addition to these eight formal methods utilized to collect information, DDS collects and compiles Family Resource Center/Network data.

Dr. Poulsen thanked Mr. Freedlander for providing a framework for sharing information used to evaluate Early Start data. She would like the framework to include data regarding the barriers that prevent regional centers from meeting Early Start requirements. Mr. Freedlander stated that the family satisfaction survey addressed some of the perceived barriers to goal attainment, however, additional information could be obtained.

Follow-up on OSEP Visit

Rick Ingraham provided a brief review of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) visit to California in June 2002. OSEP has indicated a desire to return to California and participate in a full scope program evaluation. The next evaluation is scheduled in the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center catchment area in January 2003. Mr. Ingraham reported that OSEP would be reconciling activities identified in the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education report, *A New Era: Revitalizing Special Education for Children and their Families* (included in September ICC packet, page 68) prior to returning to California. He will provide additional information when a meeting date and location is confirmed.

Mr. Ingraham indicated that he has discussed with OSEP the benchmark that was recently established to increase referrals to Part C programs to 2% of the general population. California's current referral level is 1.55% of the general population statewide. DDS staff are analyzing Early Start referral data and Mr. Ingraham will continue to provide the ICC with the results of the analysis.

2003 Meeting Schedule

Dr. Peterson referred members and the audience to the Action Item regarding the Proposed 2003 ICC schedule in the packet. The Action Item included a recommendation for dates and locations of the ICC meetings. Dr. Peterson requested that members consult their schedules in preparation to vote on this item at the ICC meeting. Cheri Schoenborn provided information about how locations are selected and contact information for members needing travel assistance.

Other

Dr. Peterson provided information about the ICC Committee structure and invited the newly appointed ICC members to visit each of the committees while they are in session today. Dr. Peterson appointed Hedy Hansen as the Co-Chair of the Public Awareness Committee. He encouraged Dr. Carlisle and Joy Higa to participate in the Health Systems Committee where their skills and knowledge would compliment the work in progress.

Agenda Review

Committee chairs reviewed the September 26th agendas. Dr. Peterson requested that each of the committees review the framework for sharing information on Early Start evaluation processes to determine how the individual committees and the ICC can assist DDS with future technical assistance efforts.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.